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It was hot, hot, hot! for the 7th Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival



The thousands who came to dance in the streets and move to the beat of El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico on the first

night of the 7th Annual Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival were not deterred or disbursed by the sudden downpour at the end of their set, such was the overwhelming popularity of this classic group.

While El Gran Combo was "doing old school" (literally, the youngest member of this iconic group of Latin music idols rumored to be 67,) on the main Padu stage, Giovanna from Curacao was thrilling audiences in the air-conditioned comfort of the Renaissance Convention Center. Island Radio host Hilario Doncker said of Giovanna "With her powerful, voice, she sang, and with her athletic body she moved in such a way that merit great applause... she interacted well with those who came to see her perform. She even took pictures with those who where present. Great performance from Giovanna!"

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Radisson's associates come together for a Responsible Business Beach Cleanup



This past week, the employees of the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa scoured the terrain of the California Dunes for a Responsible Business Beach Cleanup, cleaning up trash and marine debris.

The cleanup was part of the 10th annual Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group Responsible Business Action Month. Rezidor Hotel Group in the Americas and Asia Pacific, which owns multiple hotel brands including the Radisson, joined in, creating a truly global event each September.

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Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum & 4th Aruba Green Energy Conference begins this Wednesday

Aruba will again host the annual Aruba Green Energy Conference, which in its 4th year, this year with an even greater international flavor, as the island as it will be conducted in conjunction with the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum, (CREF) this year.

The event will begin on Wednesday, October 9 and continue through Friday, October 11. The connections and influence of the CREF guarantees there will be an extensive schedule of dynamic and informed expert speakers attend-

of Energy and Climate Change, UK. He will discuss "Achieving Full Sustainability by 2020."

The first morning of presentations will focus on Aruba's transition to a 100 % sustainable nation, the declared goal of the present administration. It will include a series of lectures by representatives from TNO, Caribbean Division, W.E.B., Aruba's national water and power provider, and Elmar N.V., the island's distributors of electricity. Professor Dr. Ryan Peterson of the University of Aruba and Ruurd Schoolderman Of TNO will close the morning with "Social Adoption Attitude," followed by a panel discussion and Q & A.

The Aruba Green Energy Conference will fill the first day of the three-day event; the afternoon will be filled with simultaneous workshops and lectures addressing dozens of individual topics. The "ope-



OAS Ambassador Albert Ramdin

ning party" on the first night will be the closing of the local event. The closing of sessions will be punctuated by the presentation of the Aruba Sustainability Award to Professor Dr. Wubbo Ockels, physicist, and Holland's first astronaut to join a mission into outer space.

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Peter Boyd COO Carbon War Room

ing. Presentations and workshops will be conducted at the Westin Aruba Resort in Palm Beach. The program will open with an official welcome by Franklin Hoevertz, Director of Utilities Aruba and Prime Minister Mike Eman. This year again, Dr. Edward Cheung of NASA and Tisa LaSorte will be moderators.

Keynote speakers for the beginning session will be Dr. Robert F. Ichord, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Energy Resources discussing "Sustainable Energy" and Peter Boyd, COO - Carbon War Room and Chair of the Energy and Efficiency Deployment Office at the Department

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Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum and ... begins this Wednesday

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He has long been an advocate of renewable energy and participated in several development projects, while a staunch supporter of Aruba's efforts towards sustainability.

The CREF agenda will officially take over on Thursday, October 10, with a networking breakfast. "Regional policy is increasingly renewable friendly, capital is available, the price of technology continues to fall and of the price of oil is trending upwards," claims CREF organizers. "2013 will prove to

be a watershed year for the development of renewables in the Caribbean."

After the breakfast the CREF official opening ceremony will be conducted by CREF Chairman Jerry Butler, who will welcome Ambassador Albert R. Randin, Asst. Secretary General, Organization of American States (OAS) and Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman for their remarks.

Last year, CREF welcomed over 400 delegates, among them 12 important ministers of

regional nations. The conference offers education and debate from respected experts in the field of renewable energy, as well as important networking opportunities. Confirmed speakers for 2013 include among others:

* Hon. Phillip Paulwell, Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mining, Government of Jamaica

* Hon. José María Figueres, CEO, Carbon War Room; former President of Costa Rica

* Sen. The Hon. Darcy Boyce, Minister of State, Barbados

* Hon. Ing. Mike E. de Meza, Minister of Finance, Communication, Utilities and Energy, Government of Aruba

* Franklin A. Hoevertsz, Managing Director, Utilities Aruba - Aruba

* Peter Boyd, COO, Carbon War Room; Expert Chair, UK Energy Efficiency Deployment Office (EEDO) - UK

* Brad Roberts, Executive Director, Electricity Storage Association (ESA) - USA

* Joseph Salvatore, Lead Analyst, Clean Energy Economics & Capital Markets, Bloomberg New Energy Finance - USA

* Harry Verhaar, Head of Global Public & Government Affairs, Philips Lighting - The Netherlands

* Mark Lambrides, Chief, Energy and Climate Change Division, Organization of American States

* Julia Hamm, President & CEO, Solar Electric Power Association - USA

* Lynn Tabernacki, Managing Director, Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development, OPIC - USA

* Miguel Toledo, Principal Investment Officer, International Finance Corporation (IFC)



Wubbo Ockels on the Ecolution

Dr. Carl Kukkonen, CEO & Co-Founder, Viaspace - USA
Adam Warren, Group Manager, Project Development & Finance, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) - USA



Migara Jayawardena, Senior Energy Specialist, World Bank

* Francis Ras, Section Head Technical Affairs, WEB Aruba N.V.

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Ernie Stapleton, Permanent Secretary, Nevis Island Administration (NIA)

Ariel Sacerdoti, Director - Business Development, Ormat - USA

For the first time, CREF will host ISLAND ROADSHOWS, which "will provide developers with clear insight into opportunities for engage-

ment and investment across a series of regional markets." Interested parties will "learn of opportunities in jurisdictions from Puerto Rico to Jamaica, Dominican Republic to Martinique. This is vital and actionable market intelligence available only at CREF."

Additionally, the new Technology Sessions "are designed to provide governments and utilities with a one-stop shop for insight into latest developments in renewable technologies and their application in the Caribbean. On the agenda for 2013: Solar, Wind, Geothermal, Biomass, Ocean, & Energy Storage."

More information on all the guest speakers, schedules and registering for the conference can be found online at the official Aruba Green Energy Conference website: <http://www.greenaruba.org/index.php?page=default> and the CREF website: <http://neia.org/caribbean-renewable-energy-forum-october-9-11-2013-aruba/> or at the Utilities Aruba NV headquarters in the restored landmark building next to the offices of the Monument Bureau on the Henriquesplein in Oranjestad.

Rosalie Klein



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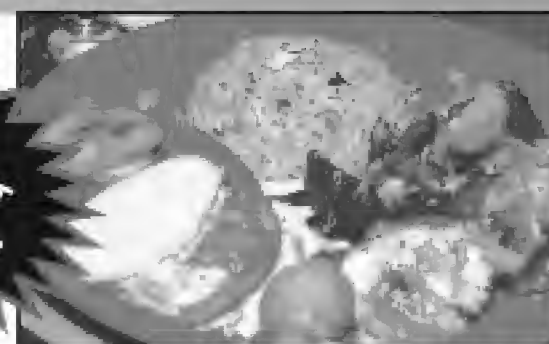
The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Elliott's Italian restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthu-



Jeffrey Elliott and wife Daisy

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess. The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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It was hot, hot, hot! for the 7th Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival



The Renaissance crew

Not only did Aruba's local Latin-music loving population fill the stands, as promoters reported by Thursday, they were already sold out for tickets for Saturday night. Many wondered if the move to a new venue would be an improvement, those who have attended the festival every year since inception answer a resounding "yes!"

Regular at-



tendees to the annual fest were impressed with the change of venue; the grounds of the Renaissance Marketplace proved far more spacious, and every inch was needed for the packed area of the main stage. Aside from the famous CSJF Food Court, offering very reasonably prices

snacks and drinks, there were also many options among the restaurants and clubs of the marketplace to dine and relax while enjoying the music.

This was particularly appealing around the "Divi" stage, which is the mall's normal bandstand. It offered perfect seating and dining at Plaza Cafe or Casa Tua for the energetic performances of Luci and the Soul Breakers from Panama.

This year, the CSJF prompted a record number of travelers come to Aruba specifically for the event. Dorothy and Cynthia from Los Angeles, jazz aficionados who travel the world to attend such festivals, were visiting the island for the first time. They became fast friends with time share owners Daisy and Felicia, from NYC, so it can be said the festival drew fans from coast to coast!

Saturday evening had cooled down a bit from Friday's oppressive heat and humidity, on and off the stage. Headliner George Benson made the mood mellow with his smooth vocals and iconic guitar stylings, followed by Jose James. This year, the CSJF proved a great suc-

cess, not only for its new venue, but also an appealing diversity of music, bringing back some of

the distinctly Latin feel of its predecessor, which proved immensely popular.

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Marriott Care Foundation donates 15,000 Aruban florins in food items to Fundacion pa nos Comunidad



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Care Foundation members and FPNC volunteers

Recently the Marriott Aruba Care Foundation donated 15,000 Aruban florins in basic household needs such as toilet paper, soap, detergent and food items to Fundacion pa nos Comunidad (FPNC). On a monthly basis Fundacion pa nos Comunidad (FPNC) provides food and basic needs to hundreds of families in Aruba. In the month of August 2013 Fundacion pa nos Comunidad (FPNC) was running short of helping 220 families due to insufficient resources. As a part of Marriott's "Spirit to Serve our local communities," the Marriott Aruba Care Foundation purchased goods worth of 15,000 Aruban florins to support the foundation.



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Divers recover 83 more bodies from Italy refugee wreck



LAMPEDUSA (AFP) -- Italian soldiers carry the body of a victim of the ship of immigrants that sank on October 3, 2013 as divers recovered 83 more bodies yesterday after a shipwreck in which over 300 African refugees are feared to have died. The official death toll now stands at 194, with 155 other asylum seekers rescued after their boat caught fire and sank off the island of Lampedusa on Thursday, but scores more are still missing.

El Salvador's Catholic Church closes key human rights office



SAN SALVADOR (AFP) -- People shout slogans during a protest against the Catholic Church's decision to close the Legal Tutelage office, in downtown San Salvador, El Salvador on October 6, 2013. The office -- shut down last week by San Salvador's bishop Jose Luis Escobar on grounds of "countable, administrative and legal irregularities" -- investigated mayor crimes during El Salvador's civil war (1980-1992) and keeps historical archives about human rights violations committed by the military.

Netanyahu: Palestinians must 'recognise Israel as Jewish state'

JERUSALEM (AFP) - The Palestinians must "recognise Israel as the state of the Jewish people" in order to achieve real peace, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday.

"The Palestinians must abandon their refusal to recognise the right of the Jewish people to their national state," he said in a speech at Bar Ilan University near Tel Aviv.

Such recognition was "a condition for reaching an agreement at the end of negotiations, but not for launching them," he said.

Peace talks between Israelis and Palestinians were relaunched in July under the auspices of the United States after nearly three years of impasse.

The direct talks, which are being held in Israel and the West Bank under a US-imposed media blackout, have been set to last nine months, and have so far yielded no concrete results.

"The root of the conflict is the Jewish state," Netanyahu said, refuting the argument that the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and settlement there were the cause of the decades-old confrontation with the Palestinians.

"Are you finally ready to recognise the Jewish state, the national state of the Jewish people?" he asked, directly addressing Palestinian leaders, deploring that their response so far to that question has been "no".

"So long as the Palestinians do not recognise this right, there will be no true peace," the premier warned his audience at the Bar Ilan auditorium.

It was at the same place that Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud party, first announced his support for the two-state solution in a dramatic 2009 speech.

As for other conditions to a final peace agreement, Netanyahu urged the Palestinians to "renounce the right of return" for refugees, and reiterated the need for "solid security arrangements that meet the real security needs of Israel".



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Destruction of Syria's chemical weapons begins

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Experts began overseeing the destruction of Syria's chemical weapons yesterday under the terms of a UN resolution that will see Damascus relinquish the banned arms, an official told AFP.

The source in the international mission said experts had begun verifying details turned over by the Syrian government about the arsenal and destroying weapons and production facilities.

The team faces the daunting task of disposing of an estimated 1,000 tons of the nerve agent sarin, mustard gas and other banned arms at dozens of sites in Syria by mid-2014.

As the operation got under way, President Bashar al-Assad admitted in an interview with Germany's Spiegel news magazine that his government

had made "mistakes" in the country's brutal conflict.

But he again denied that his forces used chemical weapons in an August 21 attack that led to threats of a US strike and eventually the UN resolution requiring Syria to turn over its arsenal.

In Damascus, meanwhile, a barrage of mortar rounds slammed into a Christian neighbourhood, killing eight people.

And UN-Arab League envoy Lakhdar Brahimi called on Assad's regime and the rebels to hold peace talks "without preconditions".

The team of disarmament experts from the United Nations and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) based in The Hague arrived in Damascus on Tuesday.

U.S. forces strike in Libya, Somalia, capture al Qaeda operative

In two operations in Africa nearly 3,000 miles apart, U.S. military forces went after two high-value targets over the weekend.

One operation took place early Saturday in the Libyan capital of Tripoli, when U.S. forces captured Abu Anas al Libi, an al Qaeda operative wanted for his role in the deadly 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

In the second raid, a team of U.S. Navy SEALs in southern Somalia targeted the home of the top leader of Al-Shabaab, a terrorist group linked with al Qaeda.

The Libyan interim government called the U.S. capture a kidnapping and has requested an explanation from Washington about the raid, the country's state news agency reported Sunday. Libya emphasized its citizens should be tried in Libya if they are facing charges.

President Barack Obama approved the two raids, monitored them closely and was updated regularly by homeland

security adviser Lisa Monaco and his national security staff, National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden told CNN yesterday.

In the Somalia raid, local residents said the compound targeted by the Americans was the home of Al-Shabaab leader Mukhtar Abu Zubayr, also known as Ahmed Abdi Godane. While an Al-Shabaab spokesman has claimed Godane was the target of the attack, the U.S. military has not yet disclosed the target.

Somalia said yesterday it is "not a secret" it is working with foreign governments to fight terrorist threats, after the US commando raid against Al-Qaeda-linked Shebab militants in the country.

The operations were carried out even as polls show Americans are skittish about U.S. military involvement in overseas conflicts. This means others who might be in U.S. crosshairs could have more reason to worry, said retired Lt. Col. Rick Francona, a CNN military analyst.



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Argentine president on 1-month rest after head trauma

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner has been ordered to rest for a month after doctors found a brain hemorrhage linked to an August incident, her spokesman said Saturday.

Kirchner, 60, "sustained the head injury August 12 and had tests at the time that showed nothing," spokesman Alfredo Scoccimarro said.

But new tests identified the chronic subdural hematoma, a type of hemorrhage, and "doctors ordered her to rest for a

month," he said in a statement.

Scoccimarro said that Argentina's first democratically-elected female leader was not ordered to be on total rest.

He did not immediately say how much she would be working, but added that Kirchner would be receiving follow-up treatment.

Kirchner has had several health concerns while in office described as cerebrovascular in nature.

In January 2012, less than a

month into her second term, she underwent surgery to remove her thyroid gland only to be told that she had been mistakenly diagnosed with cancer.

During her first term in office, Kirchner on several occasions cancelled official appearances and events citing exhaustion.

Her husband, Nestor Kirchner, was a popular two-term president who died of a heart attack in 2010, but saw his wife succeed him as president.

Health & Living

Mexico clinic under fire after woman gives birth alone

OAXACA (AFP) - Mexico's ombudsman opened an investigation Saturday after an indigenous woman gave birth alone in the garden of a public clinic, sparking a social media storm.

A witness's picture, published on social media and newspapers, shows 28-year-old Irma Lopez, kneeling and crying with the boy on the lawn still attached to the umbilical cord outside the health center in the southern state of Oaxaca.

The incident caused outrage, with Mexicans taking to Twitter to denounce it as new examples of the poor quality of health care in impoverished parts of the country and the discrimination indigenous groups face.

The office of Raul Plascencia, head of the National Human Rights Commission, said in a statement that an investigation was opened into the alleged abuse of the ethnic mazateca woman who gave birth in a garden "because she was denied medical attention."

The Oaxaca state human rights office also launched a probe over the October 2 incident at the health center in San Felipe Jalapa de Diaz, a town of 6,000 people.

The director of the health center, Adrian Cruz, told reporters the incident took place "due to the lack of medical personnel, because the doctor on morning duty arrives at 8:00 am and the woman arrived at the clinic at 7:30."

Cruz said the woman asked to be examined but since the doctor had not arrived, the nurse told her to wait.

San Felipe Jalapa de Diaz Mayor Silvia Flores said it was the second such case this year after another woman gave birth to a girl in the clinic's garden in July "because there was no personnel on duty."

In both cases, the babies were declared in good health.

The majority of Mexico's 14 million indigenous peoples -- out of a national population of 118 million -- live in Oaxaca.

India launches indigenous vaccine for Japanese encephalitis

NEW DELHI (AFP) - India launched an indigenous vaccine against Japanese encephalitis as part of a national programme to fight the virus.

Nineteen states, including the two most populous ones of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, are hit

by the disease each year as malnourished children succumb to the virus which is transmitted by mosquitoes from pigs to humans.

The minister said Jenvac, which offers immunity for three years, would initially cost the government 70 rupees (\$1.13) but would be supplied free of charge to the people.

The two-shot vaccine was developed by government agencies and the private Bharat Biotech pharmaceutical firm in a joint venture launched in 2008.

He said India so far had been dependent on China for the vaccine and added that the cost of the locally-developed Jenvac would slide with the scale of production.

The virus, which normally affects children aged below 15, infected adults earlier this year in the northeastern state of Assam, Azad said.

He said the cabinet has approved a 40-billion rupee national programme to combat the virus, which causes brain inflammation and can result in brain damage.

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Series of 6 quakes strikes in storm-stricken Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A series of at least six earthquakes -- two reaching at least 5.0-magnitude -- struck Sunday in the Mexican state of Guerrero, which is still reeling from deadly tropical storms last month.

The epicenter of the strongest quake -- 5.21-magnitude, at 9:27 local time (1527 GMT), according to the National Seismological Service -- was located in the

mountainous area where a September 16 mudslide buried a whole town.

The quakes were also felt with moderate intensity in the resort town of Acapulco, which is recovering from the massive flooding brought on when storms Ingrid and Manuel swept across the country in mid-September.

Authorities recommended moving "away from risk areas, such as slopes and

where there are cracks in the ground," Guerrero governor Angel Aguirre said in his Twitter account.

Tourists in Acapulco were evacuated from hotels to the Costera Miguel Aleman, the port town's main tourist road.

All six quakes were recorded between 9:00 am local time (1500 GMT) and 10:36 am (1636 GMT), and so far no damage has been reported in Guerrero state.

One of the quakes, of 5.0-magnitude, prompted seismic alarms in Mexico City, some 300 kilometers (186 miles) away -- though the shaking was virtually imperceptible in most parts of the capital.

No damage was reported there, according to a statement from public security authorities.

The death toll from the tropical storms last month has reached 147, with 53 people still missing, and 1.5 million homes damaged.



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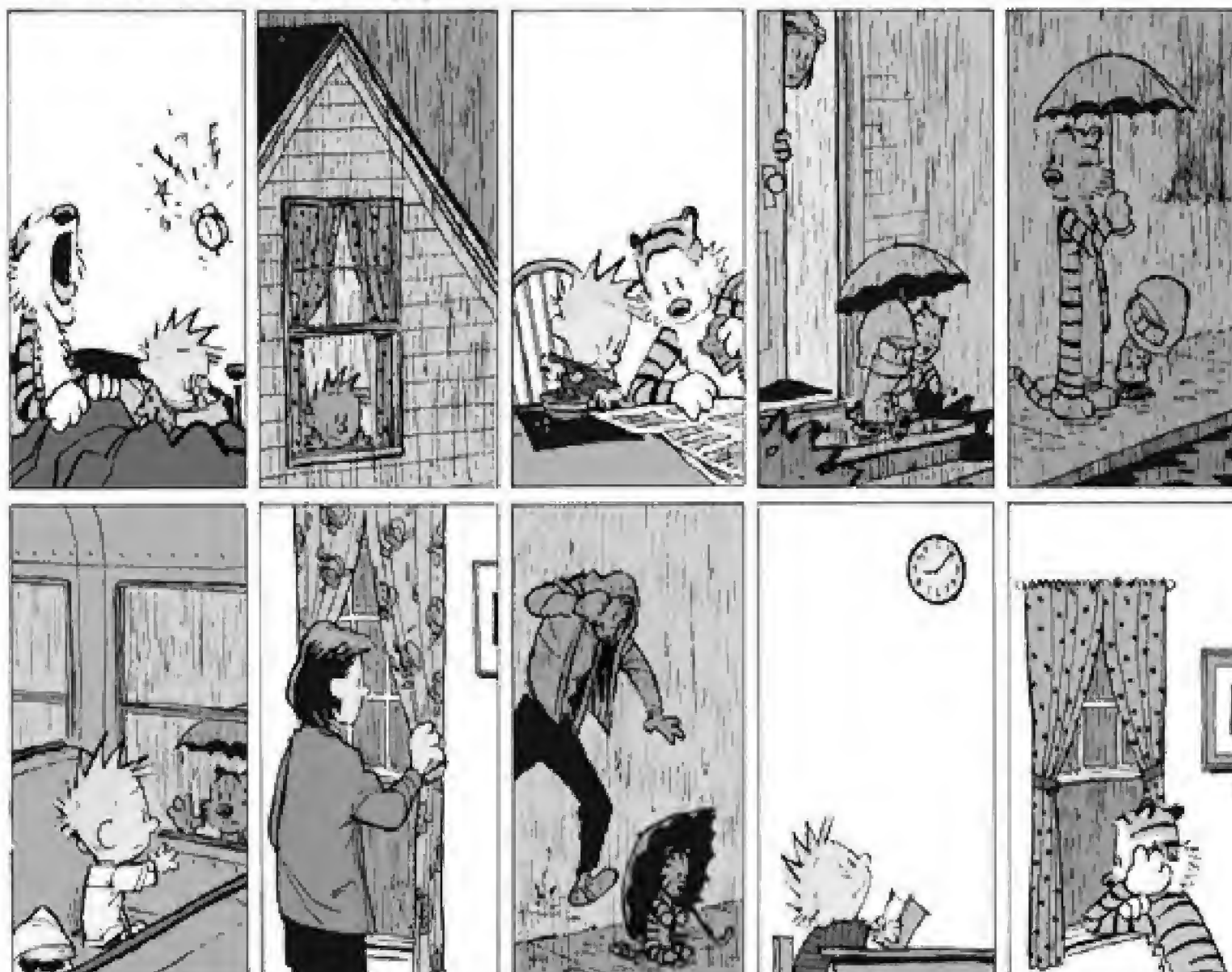
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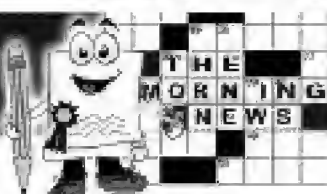
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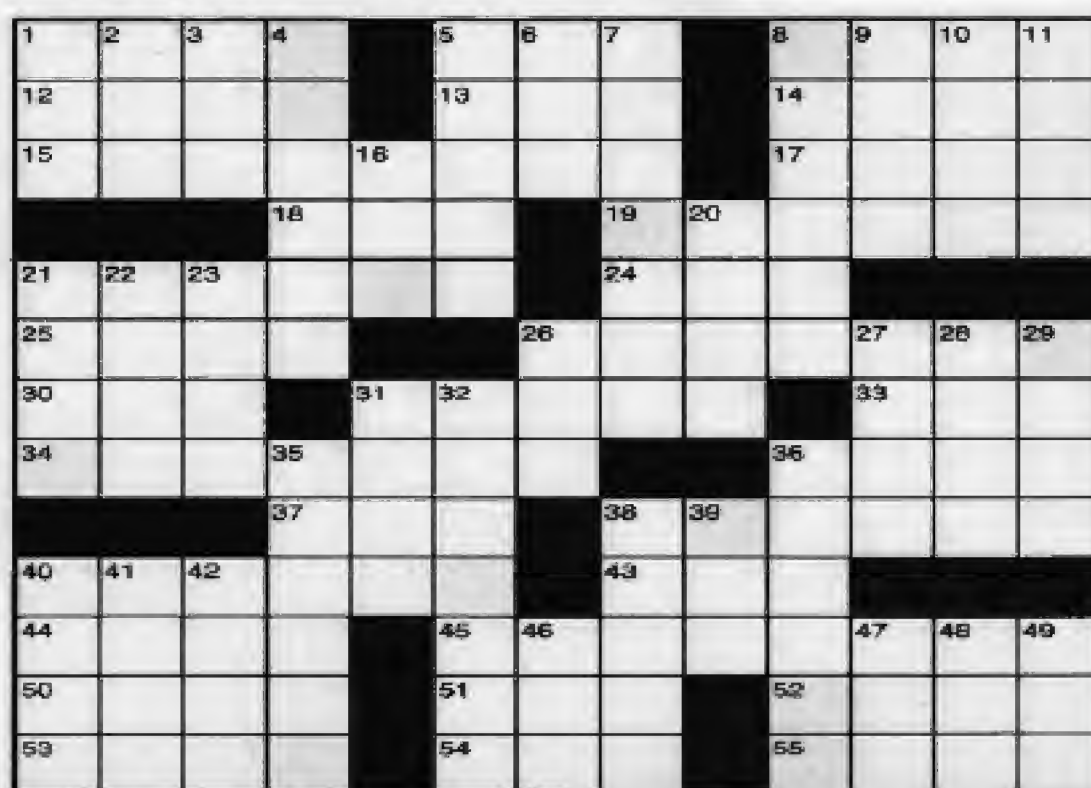
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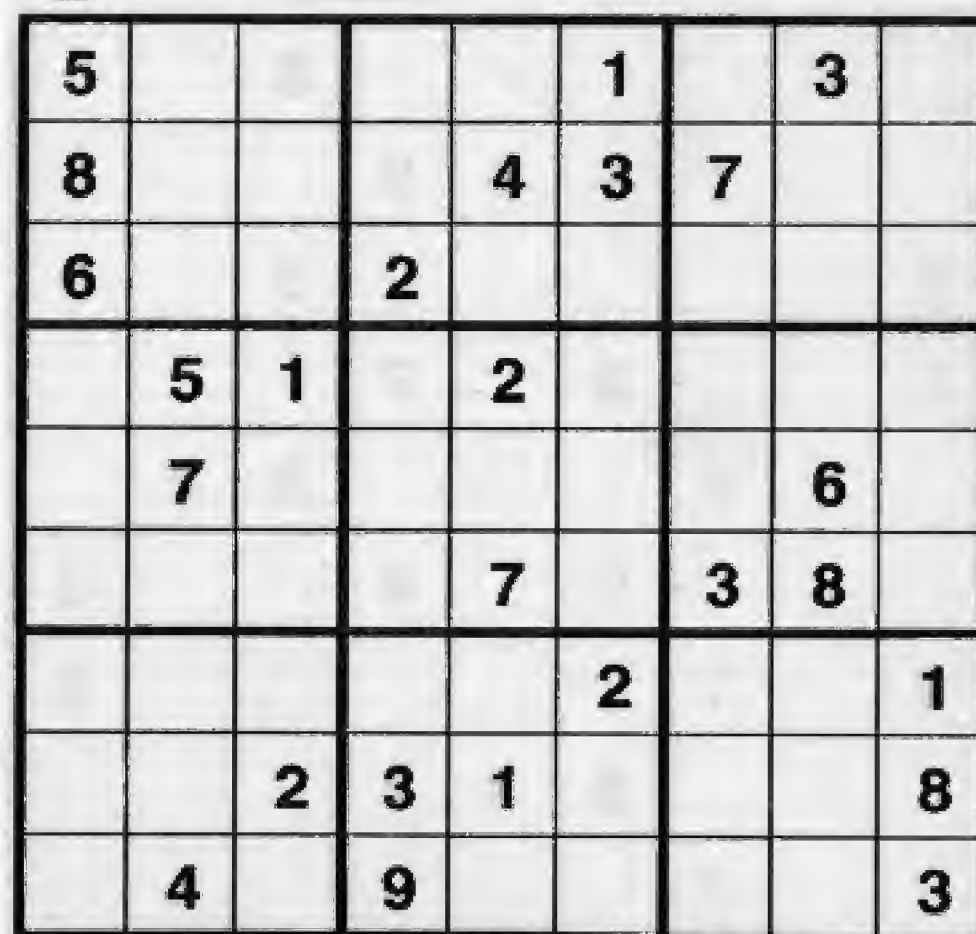
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BlackBerry falls near liquidation value, says report



BlackBerry Ltd.'s stock price has fallen close to the embattled company's liquidation value, says Veritas Investment Research Corp. On Friday on Nasdaq, shares in the Canadian technology company slipped 4 cents to close at \$7.69 (U.S.). That's just pennies higher than what Veritas calculates to be BlackBerry's liquidation value of \$7.59 a share.

APEC leaders meet in shadow of US shutdown

NUSA DUA (AFP) - Asia-Pacific leaders convene today for an annual economic summit in the shadow of global growth clouds that are darkening by the day as the United States struggles to shake off policy paralysis.

The US government shutdown has stopped President Barack Obama from attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Indonesia, worrying US allies at a time when China is on the rise and Washington is trying to push through an ambi-

tious 12-nation trade pact.

Obama's enforced absence at both APEC and an East Asia summit straight afterwards in Brunei leaves the stage clear for Chinese President Xi Jinping, who has been touring the region and will address a parallel meeting of APEC business leaders today.

Some expect an economic bonanza. Others, looking nervously at Beijing's territorial claims, expect a more restive region and want reassurance from Washington.

But the United States may be ill-equipped to offer much immediate global leadership as it confronts a mightier menace than even the shutdown: the possibility that it might default on its colossal debts unless Congress raises the federal borrowing limit by October 17.

All that is taking place at a moment when, according to a statement by APEC foreign and trade ministers issued on Saturday, the world economy can ill-afford more uncertainty following the 2008 financial crisis.

Lew: Congress 'playing with fire' on debt ceiling

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Treasury Secretary Jack Lew warned yesterday that Congress was "playing with fire" as Republicans raised the threat of a US default if President Barack Obama refuses to negotiate on spending.

Speaker John Boehner said the Republican-controlled House would not raise the US debt ceiling without concessions from the White House, staking his position as the government shutdown dragged into day six.

"We're not going to pass a clean debt limit increase," Boehner said in an interview on ABC's "This Week."

"I told the president, there's no way we're going to pass one. The votes are not in the House to pass a clean debt limit. And the president is risking default by not having a conversation with us," he said.

Lew said the United States will run out of its ability to borrow money on October 17, and with only \$30 billion cash in hand to meet obligations that can run to \$60 billion a day, it will quickly face default.

"I'm telling you that on the 17th, we run out of our ability to borrow, and Congress is playing with fire," he said on CNN's "State of the Union".

"If they don't extend the debt limit, we have a very, very short window of time before those scenarios start to be played out."

The \$16.7 trillion US statutory debt ceiling has come increasingly into focus with the two sides deadlocked in a legislative fight originally centered on Republican efforts to defund the Affordable Care Act, Obama's signature health care law.

The US government was forced to shut down on Tuesday for the first time in 17 years after Congress failed to pass a stopgap spending measure to fund government operations.

The House refused to pass a spending bill that did not include the measure to defund Obamacare, and the Democratic-controlled Senate would vote only on a bill stripped of the measure.

In a sign the impasse was expected to continue, the Pentagon on Saturday announced it will recall most of its furloughed civilian employees.

The House, meanwhile, unanimously passed a bill to retroactively pay the hundreds of thousands of furloughed government workers, in a bid to ease some of the pressure from an unhappy public.

Obama has insisted he will not negotiate with Republicans until they pass a temporary spending bill reopening the government and agree to raise the debt ceiling.

"For as reckless as a government shutdown is, an economic shutdown that comes with default would be dramatically worse," Obama said in a radio message Saturday.

Obama said there were enough Republican and Democratic votes in the House to "end this shutdown immediately."

But Boehner blamed the crisis on Obama's refusal to negotiate, and insisted he would not budge without what he described as a "conversation" on spending.

"My goal here is not to have the United States default on their debt. My goal here is to have a serious conversation about those things that are

driving the deficit and driving the debt up.

"And the president's refusal to sit down and have a conversation about this is putting our nation at risk of default."

"That's the path we're on," he said, adding that he had hoped the president had cancelled a trip to Asia to initiate a dialogue.

"I decided to stay here in Washington this weekend. He knows what my phone number is. All he has to do is call," he said.

US allies were warily watching the unfolding political crisis in Washington.

At an Asia-Pacific summit on the Indonesian island of Bali, which Obama was supposed to have attended, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said the US president's absence was "a very big disappointment to us."

"Obviously we prefer a US government that is working to one that is not. And we prefer a US president who is able to travel and fulfill his international duties to one who is preoccupied with national domestic preoccupations," he said.

Lee said "no other country can replace" US engagement in Asia -- "Not China, not Japan, not any other power."

US Secretary of State John Kerry, who Obama sent to Bali in his stead, warned of the damage to America's diplomatic standing if the shutdown did not end soon.

"The shutdown is not good for business. It's not good for the economy," US Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker told reporters at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer

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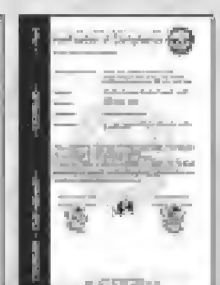
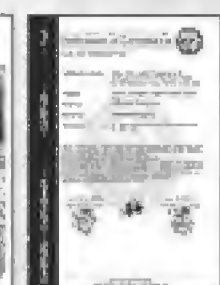
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Haiti shocked at Dominican Republic citizenship move

PORT-AU-PRINCE (AFP) - Haiti voiced grave concern after neighboring Dominican Republic said last week it would deny citizenship to more than 250,000 offspring of undocumented Haitians.

The two nations share the Caribbean island of Hispaniola. Haiti is the poorest nation in the Americas and the Dominican Republic to the east is not rich, but significantly better off.

Last week, Santo Domingo decided that children born to Haitians who were in the country illegally or in transit

are not entitled to Dominican citizenship, retroactive to 1929.

Many Haitians work seasonally on Dominican sugar and other fields, and they long understood their Dominican-born children to have local citizenship rights.

Haiti called its ambassador home for consultations and Haitian officials expressed their dismay to the Dominican ambassador in Port-au-Prince, Ruben Sillie.

"We are completely opposed to this decision since, if it takes effect, it will have se-

rious implications for Dominicans of Haitian descent."

Haitian groups and political parties have voiced shock at what they called their government's slow response to a major bilateral issue.

The Dominican Republic in its 2012 census counted 458,000 Haitian immigrants among its 10 million inhabitants.

The Dominican army in the past 13 months has deported 47,000 Haitians who were in the country illegally, Haitian officials said last week.

Tiger attacks US zoo worker

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A tiger yanked a US zoo worker's arm through a narrow gap in his cage Saturday after she put her hand inside, park officials said.

Garold Wayne Interactive Zoological Park in Wynnewood, Oklahoma closed for several hours and said the worker "violated safety protocol" by inserting her hand inside the adult male big cat's cage around 10:00 am (1500 GMT).

The worker "was wearing a large goose down jacket which got bunched up inside the cage wire not allowing her to get her hand back outside the cage wire fast enough and the tiger grabbed her hand pulling her left arm through a four-inch (10-centimeter) square hole," park president Joe Schreibvogel said in a statement.

The woman, who was not identified because her family had not been notified, received emergency medical treatment from park medics and was then airlifted via helicopter to a nearby hospital.

The reserve has had a troubled history, accused of allowing children to play with exotic cats, for a high fee, despite incidents of young tiger cubs biting and scratching the young visitors.

The US Agriculture Department launched an investigation after an astounding 23 tiger cubs died during a 13-month period between 2009 and 2010.

GW Park, which has been investigated several times by US federal agencies and animal rights groups for various incidents, has denied all claims.

Missing Maddie's parents 'encouraged' by new inquiry

LONDON (AFP) - The parents of missing British girl Madeleine McCann said on Sunday they were "greatly encouraged" by new information about the disappearance of their daughter on holiday in Portugal in 2007.

Kate and Gerry McCann said they were hopeful there would be developments from a major appeal based on "substantive" new information which is to be broadcast on a BBC television programme on October 14.

"We are greatly encouraged by new information coming to light with pieces of the jigsaw now fitting together," the McCanns said in a statement.

"We are really hopeful that the forthcoming appeal on Crimewatch will bring further new evidence which will take us a step closer to finding Madeleine and to bringing those responsible for her abduction to justice."

A three-year-old actress will play Madeleine in the reconstruction on the Crime-

watch programme.

British police said Friday that analysis of mobile phone data from thousands of people who were in the Portuguese resort of Praia da Luz when Madeleine McCann disappeared could provide a new lead.

They are also investigating 41 potential suspects, although no arrests have been made.

Madeleine's parents have never abandoned their campaign to find their daughter, who was just about to turn four when she disappeared as she slept in the family's holiday apartment on May 3, 2007.

Her parents were dining with friends in a nearby restaurant at the time.

Portuguese authorities closed their investigation in 2008. But London's Metropolitan Police spent two years reviewing the evidence and announced in July that they were launching an investigation into Madeleine's disappearance.

British police are working with senior detectives from Faro, in the Algarve.

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Malala invited to Buckingham Palace to meet queen



LONDON (AFP) - Pakistani schoolgirl Malala Yousafzai, shot last year by the Taliban for campaigning for girls' schooling, has been invited to a Buckingham Palace reception to meet Queen Elizabeth II, officials said Sunday. The queen and her husband Prince Philip will host the event promoting education in Commonwealth countries on October 18. Academics and teachers will be among the guests at the October 18 event. The announcement is the latest in a series of impressive accolades for Malala's campaign for girls' schooling. On Tuesday, meanwhile, Malala will publish her autobiography "I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban".

Spend a fun evening with friends at Barney's

A few months ago, Palm Beach welcomed a cozy new place that offers good food, great prices and a uniquely warm, welcoming ambiance that makes patrons feel as if they are visiting with friends rather than just eating out. Even the name, "Barney's", which was inspired by Barney Rubble of the Flintstones, is an expression of the good humor of its owners and your hosts, Ron and Elina.

Ron and Elina have a very congenial division of labor; he enjoys being bartender and playing around with his "cocktail of the day" while she sees to it that everyone is well satisfied with their meal. Chef Jan is in the kitchen doing his magic; patrons praise their spicy Firecracker Shrimp appetizer and mushrooms stuffed with escargot, priced at \$9.50 and \$8.50, or the Smoked Trout Fillet for a real gourmet treat.

They are particularly popular for their "Build Your Own Barney Burger" using spe-



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cially imported organic beef from Holland, guaranteed to have been raised without steroids or antibiotics, only \$9.50 with fries and coleslaw. Patrons are handed a special hamburger checklist, which features a full menu of toppings, sauces and cheeses to customize your order to create the ideal burger. One can also

opt for a second or third hamburger patty for a very nominal cost.

High end items on the menu, such as the Seafood Pasta, are only \$20.50. They also have a kid's menu with favorites such as a Kid's Burger, chicken fingers and Mac & Cheese; most items are only \$4. One regular de-

scribed the place as particularly "kid-friendly," with Elina, a mother herself, having devised a number of methods to keep young ones entertained. The menu has a range to please patrons who are in the mood for something simple while other can be indulgent gourmands.

Tuesday through Saturday

evenings they have specialty nights at bargain rates. Tuesday is Schnitzel Night, with a choice five different kinds of schnitzel with sauces and toppings, only \$17.50. Wednesday is fresh grouper, prepared any of five ways, with veggies and side dish, \$19.50. Thursday enjoy unlimited ribs done three ways honey, smoked or BBQ, for \$17.50 with salad, slaw and fries. Saturday means endless rib eye steak with coleslaw and fries for \$19.50. Friday evening ends the work week with Karaoke Night, a convivial and fun evening when islanders kick back and let loose their inner rock star.

Barney's is located just next to the huge supermarket on the Palm Beach/Noord road, not far from the gas station. They are open from 5:00 to 11:00 PM and closed on Mondays. Check out their full menu at <http://www.barneysaruba.com> or call 586-5420 for reservations and directions.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our



concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when

complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services pro-

gram. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

Visit their website: www.goldcoastaruba.com for more details and availability or call 586-2200 to arrange a personal tour.

SPORTS

Auto racing: Franchitti injured in flying wreck

HOUSTON (AFP) - Four-time IndyCar Series champion Dario Franchitti was rushed to hospital after a frightening crash during the final lap of the Houston Grand Prix on Saturday.

Franchitti's car went airborne and slammed into the safety fencing before coming to a halt in the middle of the street circuit track.

The Scotsman was stretchered off the track and taken by ambulance to the nearby Houston hospital.

Race officials said Franchitti was "awake and alert" but did not go into details on his injuries.

His team owner Chip Ganassi said Franchitti injured his ankle and back.

"He's talking," said Ganassi



who rushed to the crash scene on a scooter. "His ankle is a little sore, his back is a little sore. He is going to be OK."

The three-car smash happened in one of the sharp turns and also involved Japan's Takuma Sato and E.J. Viso of Venezuela but they were both able to exit their cars and walk

away.

Debris from the crash also flew over the top of the safety fencing, injury some spectators.

Race officials did not immediately provide details of those injuries.

The race was won by Australia's Will Power.

Golf: Tiger leads US to Presidents Cup

COLUMBUS (AFP) - Tiger Woods clinched the Presidents Cup for the third time in a row on Sunday, leading the Americans to an 18 1/2-15 1/2 victory over the Internationals at rain-soaked Muirfield Village.

World number one Woods edged 41st-ranked Richard Sterne of South Africa 1 up to secure the trophy, thwarting an Internationals fightback and boosting the Americans to 8-1-1 in the overall rivalry with their fifth win in a row.

Battling nagging back spasms over the final five holes, 14-time major winner



Woods won the par-3 16th with a par, chipped from the rough to inches from the hole at 17 and halved 18 for the vic-

tory.

Woods is a five-time winner of the US PGA Memorial tournament, which is played at Muirfield Village, and he went 4-1 in Cup matches, improving his overall singles record in Ryder and Presidents Cup to 10-3-2.

His victory put the hosts up by four with only two matches remaining on a course that saw heavy rain for the fourth day in a row, forcing lift, clean and place rules to be used.

It was the third triumph for Fred Couples as the US captain, all having ended Woods taking the winning point.

Couples is not planning to guide the team again in 2015 when the event will be played in South Korea.

Internationals captain Nick Price was proud of his team's rally, winning four matches in a row with the US on the brink of clinching to create some late drama.



MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Pumas' Jose Carlos Van Rankin (L), goalkeeper Alejandro Palacios (R), Nestor Araujos (2nd-L) and Mauro Cajas (2nd-R) of Santos, jump for the ball during their Mexican Apertura tournament football match on Sunday in Mexico City. Santos won by 1-0.



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Boxing: Klitschko wants improvement after Povetkin win



MOSCOW (AFP) - Undisputed world heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko has said he wants to improve despite retaining his titles with a unanimous points win over Russia's Alexander Povetkin.

The Ukrainian champion enjoyed an emphatic victory on Saturday in Moscow in his 24th world title fight, putting Povetkin on the canvas four times, three of which came in the seventh round alone.

All three judges awarded the fight 119-104 in Klitschko's favour as he retained his WBA, IBF, WBO and IBO belts against the previously unbeaten Povetkin.

This was Klitschko's 61st victory in his 64th professional bout, in front of a 14,000-strong crowd, having earned his first world title back in 2006.

After the fight in front of 14,000 at Moscow's Olimpiyski Arena Povetkin

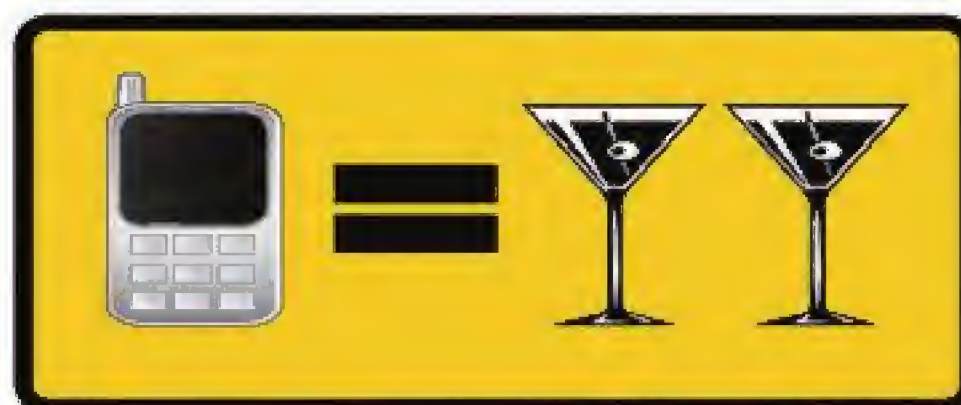
was taken to hospital as a precautionary measure, but admitted Klitschko deserved to be the undisputed champion.

"Of course, he was the better fighter, he's the best in the world, that's clear," said the 34-year-old immediately after the bout.

Povetkin still walks away with a purse of 4.31 million euros (US\$5.3m), while Klitschko earned a career-high 12.88 million euros (US\$17.4m) and came into the fight at his lowest weight since 2009.

With both fighters enjoying plenty of support in Moscow, Klitschko said he had been worried by the political tensions between the two former Soviet nations.

With no obvious challenger on the horizon, Klitschko has said he had no clear plans but just wanted a rest from training, while his manager has ruled out a possible rematch.



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NBA: Rose scores 13 points in return from injury

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) - Former NBA MVP Derrick Rose made his long-awaited return, helping the Chicago Bulls to an 82-76 win over the Indiana Pacers in a National Basketball Association exhibition contest Saturday.

Rose tore the ACL in his left knee in the first game of the 2012 NBA playoffs and missed the entire 2012-13 season.

Against the Pacers he scored 13 points on five-of-12 shooting and added three assists in over 20 minutes of play.

Luol Deng had 15 points and Taj Gibson finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds off the bench for Chicago.

Paul George and David West each had 14 points and



Roy Hibbert added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Pacers, who took the Miami Heat to the brink of elimination in the 2013 NBA playoff semi-finals.

Danny Granger, who also missed nearly the entire 2012-13 campaign with a knee injury, scored six points and added two assists over 28 minutes of playing time.

MLB: Red Sox pound Price to seize 2-0 series lead

BOSTON (AFP) - The Boston Red Sox moved to the brink of advancing to the American League Championship Series by rolling over Tampa Bay 7-4 on Saturday.

David Ortiz clubbed two home runs and Boston solved nemesis David Price by scoring a half-dozen runs in the first five innings against the Rays' starting pitcher in front of a crowd of 38,705 at Fenway Park.

"Tonight is one example of the relentlessness of this team," said Red Sox manager John Farrell. "They look at each night as an individual challenge."

Boston's bullpen got the last 10 outs as the Red Sox grabbed a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five Major League Baseball playoff series.

Boston won the opener 12-2 on Friday thanks to a barrage of defensive miscues by Tampa Bay.

On Saturday, it was 2012 Cy Young winner Price's turn to squirm as he allowed seven runs on nine hits and two walks in just over seven innings of work.

Left-hander Price had been 2-0 in three starts at Fenway Park this season and allowed just three runs over 22 1/3 innings. He was 6-1 with a terrific 1.88 earned-run average over 10 career starts in Boston before Saturday.

Price's Rays hope to have better luck in game three Monday when the series shifts to Florida, where the Red Sox can wrap up the series with a win.

Teams have gone up 2-0 in the AL division series 22 times and advanced in 13 of them.

The Red Sox swatted Price around early and jumped out to a 5-1 fourth-inning lead.

Price retired seven straight



Boston batters before Ortiz led off the eighth with a blast down the right field line that curved around the Pesky Pole for a 7-4 Boston lead. It marked Ortiz's first career two-homer playoff game.

Japan's Koji Uehara struck out two in a 1-2-3 ninth to record the save. All 11 of his pitches were strikes.

"I don't know if we can continue to find words to describe him. He thrives on moments like this," Farrell said.

Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits, scored three runs and drove in a run. Dustin Pedroia knocked in three runs for the Red Sox.

"We knew it was going to be tough. We needed A-plus stuff and we brought it," Pedroia said.

Starting pitcher John Lackey gave up four runs on seven hits and three walks in just over five innings of work in his first post-season start for the Red Sox.

Lackey, who is coming off Tommy John surgery, posted a 10-13 mark with a 3.52 ERA this season.

An ecstatic Big Papi gives relief pitcher Koji Uehara a postgame lift Saturday after the Red Sox put the Rays in a 2-0 hole in the ALDS.

Putin receives flame for Russia's Olympic Games



MOSCOW (AFP) Russian President Vladimir Putin received the Olympic flame in Moscow on Sunday ahead of next year's Winter Games in Sochi that have been marred by protests over his perceived crackdown on dissent. The cherished symbol of world peace and international camaraderie was lit in Greece's Ancient Olympia on September 29 and officially handed over to a Russian delegation in Athens on Saturday. The torch was flown into Moscow's Vnukovo-3 airport -- reserved exclusively for VIPs and officials -- before being rushed in a white van to Red Square for a cauldron-lighting ceremony overseen by Putin and broadcast live across the nation. The traditional torch relay will kick off today and conclude when the cauldron is lit at Sochi's brand new Fisht Olympic Stadium at the Games' opening ceremony on February 7.

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Top seeds Djokovic and Williams win China Open



BEIJING (AFP) - World number ones Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams sailed through to convincing victories in the China Open Sunday.

Djokovic overcame Spain's Rafael Nadal in straight sets and maintain a remarkable 100 percent record in the Beijing tournament, while Williams claimed a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Serbia's Jelena Jankovic as her dominant season continues.

Djokovic, who has won the event the four times he has entered, was at his ruthless best to defeat Nadal 6-3, 6-4, a day before he is set to be unseated at the top of the world rankings by the Spaniard.

It was Nadal's first hard court loss of the season.

The second seed in Beijing showed only rare glimpses of the form that has seen him win 10 titles this year.

After the match, Djokovic congratulated Nadal on his achievement.

"I have to say congratulations to Rafael because he de-



serves definitely to be number one of the world this year with the season that he has had," he said in an interview on court.

"He is the best player so far in 2013, there is no question about it.

In the women's tournament, Williams won her tenth title of the year with a convincing victory over world number 11 Jankovic.

The Serb only briefly threatened her opponent, breaking the American's serve in the third game of the second set.

But any hope she had was quickly extinguished by the top seed in Beijing, who won the set's remaining games.

The 32-year-old power hitter has already secured the year-end world number one ranking, and last month became the first woman to surpass \$9 million in prize money in a single season.

Williams last claimed the China Open in 2004, while Jankovic won the tournament in 2003.

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